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Applicant(s): Rudolf Neumann**Examiner:** Justin Mitchell Krause**Application** 10/790,551**Confirmation** 9716**Filed:** March 1, 2004**Group Art** 3682**For:** **NEW SHIELD AND SEALING METHOD FOR A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action of April 27, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	14	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

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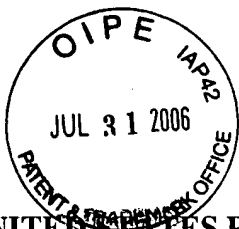
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 27, 2006

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 27, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on July 27, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. In reply to the Office Action dated April 27, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby request consideration of the following:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS beginning on page 6 of this paper.

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